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Dear Ms. Hesse,

As per the Tunney Act, I am submitting my comments regarding the Microsoft Antitrust trial.

After having read the proposed settlement, I am extremely concerned that it is not strong enough, and that it will be ineffective in countering the harmful business practices in which Microsoft engages.

My largest concerns are with the overly narrow definition of APIs, middleware, and Windows. Important APIs have been overlooked in the narrow definition, such as that used by Microsoft Installer. Middleware such as Microsoft's new .NET initiative (and other future projects) are not covered. Variants of Windows ("Windows powered") such as Windows CE, Tablet Edition, and the X-Box are not covered.

I hope that you will take a close look at the problems with the proposed settlement, and make needed changes to it. If you do not, Microsoft will continue to work in essentially the same fashion.

Thank you,
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